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# The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 30TH, 1909.

This year 1909 has begun badly in Hong-  
kong from the viewpoint of the Colony's  
criminal statistics. In addition to the  
numerous cases of simple robbery or burglary  
with which the advent of a Chinese New  
Year has always been associated, we have  
had to chronicle three armed robberies, in  
one of which two deaths were involved, and  
on Thursday the disagreeable duty devolved  
upon the Chief Justice of sentencing six  
men to death for a murder committed in  
the Colony last November. We must guard  
ourselves, however, against the assumption  
that there will be six executions at the gaol  
in February, for the Jury added to their  
verdict a recommendation to mercy, and  
the case seems one in which appeal is  
reasonably made to the clemency of the  
Governor. For it does not seem to have  
been established at the trial that these men,  
and their companions who have eluded ar-  
rest, went out with this deliberate and pre-  
conceived intention of committing a murder,  
and, so far as the evidence goes, only one man  
was shown to have had a knife or other  
weapon in his possession. That one man did  
have a knife, and made fatal use of it in the  
melée, is not necessarily conclusive proof of  
a pre-conceived intention to murder, for he  
may have been accustomed, for all we know,  
to carry the knife as an implement of his  
trade as a rattle-worker. Still he cannot

escape the consequences of the unlawful use  
he made of it. We have no desire to say  
anything to influence the decision of His  
Excellency the Governor in the matter, but  
in looking at the list of crimes which have  
engaged the attention of the public this  
month, we merely note the distinction  
which exists between this case and the cases  
of armed robbery which have come under  
notice. In two of these cases ten men in all  
are reported to have been armed with revolv-  
ers, and eight men engaged in another  
robbery are reported to have been armed  
with knives. Obviously in these cases  
murder was deliberately contemplated in the  
event of any attempt being made to frus-  
trate the main objects of the marauders.  
The agencies for repressing crime in the  
Colony, we have no doubt, are fully affected  
by the increased feeling of insecurity these  
daring crimes must breed. There has been  
a noticeable tendency to lay the blame of  
this recrudescence of crime to the charge  
of those whose duty it is to administer  
the laws for the repression of crime in the  
Colony. Sentences passed at the Magistracy  
in recent times have frequently called for  
public criticism, on account of their ap-  
parent inadequacy; but the suggestion that  
these sentences encouraged such enormities  
as those now under notice is not easily  
susceptible of proof. We can recall times  
in Hongkong when increased  
severity has effectually repressed a  
particular class of crime, and we are sure  
that there is no need to call for severity in  
the cases under notice—the necessity  
for it is so patent. When the men  
who engaged in the recent murderous  
enterprises are brought to trial and their  
antecedents traced we shall be  
in a better position to judge whether  
they have been influenced at all by  
considerations of the leniency of the Courts.  
Meanwhile, the police authorities are to  
be congratulated upon the fact that they  
have some of the miscreants in their  
custody, and investigations will doubtless be  
made into the source from which the supply  
of firearms was drawn. It is impossible to  
ensure in a Colony like this that no man  
shall possess a revolver unless he has a police  
permit, however greatly the power of search  
now possessed by the police may be extended,  
but the cases suggest that an illicit traffic  
in firearms has been going on in the Colony,  
and the police authorities, we are confident,  
will do their utmost to trace the source of  
supply, and so prevent a recurrence of these  
dastardly crimes which have surprised and  
alarmed the people living in the districts, in  
which they were committed.

A large number of forged banknotes are in  
circulation in Indo-China.

Many Chinese at Bangkok are said to have  
recently discarded the queue.

H. E. Shum, formerly Viceroy of Canton, has  
been summoned by the Regent to Peking to  
take up an important post in the Government.

One hundred and ninety-three deportees from  
the Dutch East Indies were brought to the  
Colony on Thursday night by the s.s. *Quarta*.

Mr. R. W. E. Dalrymple has resigned the  
appointment of British Vice-Consul at Surabaya  
from the last instant. Mr. A. C. Ballingall now  
acts as British Consul there.

The strike among sailors at Manila seems to  
be far from overcome yet. The agitators are in-  
iting railway operatives to strike. Some arrests  
have been made in connection with the strike.

Mr. E. M. Janion of the Chartered Bank has  
been appointed agent at Batavia. Mr. J. Campbell,  
another member of the Bank's staff well-  
known in the East, has just been married at  
Batavia.

A Washington telegram to a Manila contem-  
porary states that, owing to personal differences  
with Mr. Luke Wright, the Secretary for War,  
Commissioner Tavera will shortly resign his  
position, and Commissioner Shuster, who is to  
report to the Secretary of War in the near  
future will not return to the Philippines.

The Manila Observatory, on the 25th inst.,  
added the following to the usual weather  
report:—"24th at 10.50 a.m. The microseis-  
mographs of the Observatory began to register  
the first preliminary tremors of a very distant  
earthquake. The agitation lasted for more than  
one hour. The centre must be more than  
nine thousand kilometers distant from Manila.  
25th, at 1 a.m., to-day another very distant  
earthquake began to be registered. The seismic  
agitation lasted less time than that of  
yesterday."

There is corroboration in the Chinese Press  
to-day of the statement that the Emperor  
of China is ill of small pox, which Mr.  
Morrison telegraphed to the *The Times*.  
On the 20th inst. an Imperial Rescript was  
issued making it known that the young  
Emperor would not attend the temporary burial  
of his predecessor in the mountains, but as that  
event does not take place until the 1st of May,  
the announcement did not suggest an illness.  
The Rescript says the Emperor regards it as  
a duty to his predecessor to attend the funeral,  
but he yields in the matter to the wish of  
the Empress Dowager who says he is too  
young.

Her Excellency Lady Lugard remains in  
about the same condition since the last report,  
but with a tendency towards improvement.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday  
the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N.,  
fined the master of a trading junk \$10, or 6  
months for failing to carry the regulation lights  
while under way in the harbour after sunset.

A Chinese newspaper published in Peking has  
published a statement that, on the Dalai Lama's  
departure from Peking, the Russian Minister  
made him a present of 20,000 Taels, and the  
Dalai Lama in acknowledgement gave the  
Minister 24 "josses."

A shroff employed by the compradors of  
Messrs. A. R. Marty and Co., who was charged  
before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy  
yesterday with embezzling \$1321 on January  
20th, was committed for trial at the Criminal  
Sessions.

The Board of War at Peking recently wired  
to the various military departments instructing  
that, hereafter, all arms used by Chinese troops  
should be obtained from Chinese arsenals.  
Foreign weapons should only be purchased  
when the local supplies are found insufficient.

The remains of three members of the Siamese  
Royal family are to be cremated within the  
coming week, and His Majesty the King will  
be present to light the pyres. The cremation  
of the body of the Prince who died in Germany  
last year, and that of his mother, are to take place  
on the 1st prox, and after the ashes have been  
removed on the following day, another pyre will  
be lighted to cremate the remains of another  
member of the Family.

The large audience to be seen nightly at the  
Alexandra Cinematograph, in Zetland Street,  
is in itself a sufficient testimony of the growing  
popularity of the entertainment. The proverbial  
long felt want of a frequent change of pro-  
gramme has at last been supplied and the  
management merit the success which has attended  
the enterprise. A well selected series of pictures  
suitable to all tastes provides an interesting,  
instructive, and a pleasant evening's diversion.

Owing, says a Chinese contemporary, to the  
fact that serious diplomatic complications are  
often caused by the molesting and robbing of  
foreigners travelling in the provinces by the  
ignorant country people, the Wai-wu-pu has  
proposed to the Government that in future  
when foreigners apply for permits to go to the  
interior, whether on business or for pleasure,  
the high officials of the provinces through  
which they pass should be furnished with full  
particulars of the travellers and the reasons for  
their journeys and be requested to instruct  
their subordinates to publish the same in all  
public places for the information of the people.  
The Government view this proposal very  
favourably.

# A PLAIN-CLOTHES LUKONG.

"LOOKING FOR SQUEEZE."

At the instance of two men employed at the  
Naval Yard, a lukong was summoned before Mr.  
J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday on a  
charge of assault. From evidence adduced it  
appeared that between three and four o'clock on  
the afternoon of the 23rd instant the inmates of  
a house off Queen's Road East were enjoying a  
quiet game of cards when a lukong appeared on  
the scene in plain clothes. The tenant of the  
house asked him to drink tea, and also asked his  
business there.

"I want some money to go for a stroll," the  
lukong is reported to have said.

"Why should I give you any money?"

queried the tenant.  
The constable did not reply, but asked, who  
gave the men engaged in the game of cards  
permission to play. Before a reply could be  
given, it is alleged that the lukong proceeded to  
attack the residents, and the row, which caused  
a woman to rush outside and call for help.  
Her cries attracted an Indian  
sergeant who considered the best way out of  
the difficulty was to take all parties to the  
nearest Police Station.

The lukong made a statement in which he said  
that another man was coming down the stairs  
just behind him, and both of them endeavoured  
to get down first. The constable eventually allowed  
the other man to pass, and when he got to  
the bottom of the stairs this man accused him  
of standing on his foot. A quarrel followed, in  
which the strange man and a friend beat him.  
The Indian police-sergeant was then called,  
and despatched to seeing two men assaulting the  
lukong.

His Worship was of opinion that the lukong  
undoubtedly went to this house to get "squeeze"  
and ordered him to pay a fine of 85 on the  
assault charge.

# SETTLED OR UNSETTLED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY POSITION.

Yesterday being settling day at the Supreme  
Court, Mr. O. D. Thomson mentioned a case in  
which the plaintiff's solicitor, Mr. Otto King  
Sing, said it was settled, but the defendants  
denied it. He explained that the case had been  
adjudged to allow the plaintiff to return from  
Canton. He was not back yet and he asked  
that the case be struck out with costs.  
Mr. Otto King Sing—Will your Lordship  
fix it for Thursday?

Mr. Thomson—The plaintiff says it is settled,  
but the defendant denies it (laughter).  
Mr. Otto King Sing—Those were my  
instructions.

His Lordship—The defendant may not get  
his costs.

Mr. Thomson—I don't suppose they ever will.  
Mr. Otto King Sing—My instructions are  
that it is settled.

His Lordship, remarking that it might be a  
misunderstanding, adjourned the case until  
Thursday.

# TELEGRAMS.

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# CHINESE EMPEROR ILL OF SMALL-POX.

LONDON, January 28th.  
The "Times" correspondent at  
Peking reports the infant Emperor of  
China to be ill of confluent small-pox.

# THE AMERICAN NAVY.

LONDON, January 28th.  
President Roosevelt has appointed  
eight naval officers to consider certain  
needs of the Navy bearing upon its  
organisation and efficient preparation  
for war.

# BRITISH NAVAL GUNNERY.

CHINA SQUADRON HEADS THE LIST.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The returns of gunnaying tests in  
the British Navy show a marked  
improvement all round. The fleets  
in their order of merit are:

China Squadron  
Channel Fleet  
Cape of Good Hope Squadron  
Atlantic Fleet  
Mediterranean Fleet.

The cruiser "Good Hope" of the  
Atlantic Fleet, secured the best  
record.

# CALIFORNIA AND JAPANESE.

LONDON, January 29th.  
A Bill has been introduced in the  
California Legislature for the appro-  
priation of a sum of \$10,000 in order  
to gather data as to the number of  
Japanese in California.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS"]

# THE PANAMA LIBEL.

WASHINGTON, January 22.  
It has developed that Vice-President Fair-  
banks is the chief owner of the *Indianapolis*  
News which joined the *New York World* in  
attacks on alleged graft in the original purchase  
of the Panama Canal.

# ASSAULT ON THE S.S. "KOREA."

At the Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. J. H.  
Kemp, a Japanese deck hand was proceeded  
against for attacking the Chief Officer of the  
s.s. *Korea* with a knife.

Chief Officer Rudden informed the Court that  
when the defendant boarded the vessel on  
Thursday he was drunk. Witness led him half  
way along to his quarters and told him to go to  
sleep. When he started to walk alone he fell  
down. Some three-quarters of an hour later the  
defendant climbed a ladder and stood on the top  
deck. Witness asked him what he was doing  
there, and the deck hand started "giving him  
chook." Witness told him to go below, and  
when he refused took him down. On the lower  
deck the Japanese pulled a knife out of his  
sleeve and rushed at the officer, cutting him  
across the hand. Witness seized him, hailed a  
passing police launch, and gave him in charge.  
His Worship sentenced the defendant to two  
months' imprisonment with hard labour.

# A WOMAN'S NEWSPAPER IN CHINA.

Of the many signs of progress in China which  
stir the heart, one of the most interesting and  
unique is the editing and publishing of a daily  
newspaper by a woman named Mrs. Chang, a  
native of Peking. After marriage to a Chinese  
official (says the *Sunday at Home*), she spent  
several years in Central China, where she  
learned much about the condition of the people,  
and subsequently, upon the death of her hus-  
band, returned once more to her native city in  
North China.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Chang's mind had been im-  
pressed with the progress of her country, and she  
was convinced that development was largely pos-  
sible by the removal of prejudices and superstition,  
and also through the uplifting of her sex, she  
consequently decided to start a daily newspaper  
for women called "The Peking Woman's News,"  
which, on its own lines, is without a rival in the  
whole world. Upon the appearance of the paper  
it is said that even educated Peking looked on  
with mild surprise.

Mrs. Chang forcibly argues that, if China is to  
challenge successfully foreign aggression, it must  
be strong, and in order to have vigorous,  
healthy men, China must have correspondingly  
strong, healthy mothers; hence, foot-binding  
must go, and physical culture and hygiene  
have place in the schools. Further, that China's  
men may be the equal of other nations, women's  
training ought to begin in the home, supple-  
mented by schools for girls and the establish-  
ment of lecture-halls for women.

# SUGAR IMPORTS INTO INDIA.

There has been a remarkable increase in 1908  
in the imports of sugar from Austria-Hungary  
into India. For the eight months which ended  
on the 30th November, the quantity received  
was 51,700 tons as against 21,000 tons in the  
similar period of 1907. Java has sent slightly  
more sugar to India, but the imports from  
Mauritius have declined by 7,700 tons. France  
and Germany have practically dropped out of  
the competition, and Russian imports have been  
very small.

# LOCAL SPORT.

The week end engagements are:

LEAGUE CRICKET.  
H.K. "A" v. Kowloon  
H.K. "B" v. R.C.C.  
Craigengower v. Telegraphs  
Civil Service v. Police  
LEAGUE FOOTBALL.  
Naval Yard v. R.O.C.  
R.G.A. v. R.A.M.C.  
Y.M.C.A. v. Lusitano.  
SHIELD FOOTBALL.  
R.E. v. H.K.F.C.  
Moolan R.C. v. H.M.S. Bedford.

# R.G.C. CRICKET.

R.G.C.C. "A" TEAM V. KOWLOON.

The following will represent the "A" team of  
the H.K.C.C. in the above match this afternoon,  
commencing at 2.15 p.m., on the Kowloon  
ground: Messrs W. C. D. Turner, A. E.  
Lanning, A. A. Dashwood, J. Hall, A.  
MacKenzie, E. Irving, E. G. Oliver, R.N., Rev.  
W. H. Maundrell, R.N., Lt. Mullineux, R.N.,  
Lt. Tovey, R.N., and Lt. J. C. Innes. The  
following will represent Kowloon—J. P. Rot-  
inson, W. E. Dixon, W. G. Martin, J. H.  
Mead, S. Lightfoot, J. F. Juvell, Major Chitty,  
Lt. Balderston, Lt. Richardson, W. F. Browe,  
and Lt. J. Blackburn.

H.K.C.C. "B" TEAM V. R.G.A.

H.K.C.C. "B" team playing on the Club's  
ground this afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.,  
will be represented by the following—  
Messrs R. Hancock, H. Hancock, T. E.  
Pearce, F. I. Gelsthorpe, W. J. Daniel, S. S.  
Logan, W. E. L. Shenton, A. O. Lang, F. H.  
Stevens, H. D. Sharpe and P. Jacks.

CRAGENGOWER V. TELEGRAPHS.

This match will take place on the  
former Club's ground, starting at 2.15.  
Craigengower team—L. E. Lammert (Capt.),  
G. A. Hancock, R. Baas, A. O. Brown, W. H.  
Vireaux, E. Postonji, J. D. Norris, A. Osman,  
J. D. Kinnaird, L. A. Rose and S. B. Battisara.  
C.S.C.C. V. POLICE.

To be played on the Police Ground, starting  
at 2 p.m.

Civil Service team—F. A. Biden (captain),  
L. E. Brett, H. Ellis, J. McEwen, H. R.  
Phillips, A. B. F. Raven, E. B. Beed, A. B.  
Sutherland, F. Sutton, A. M. Thornhill and  
R. C. Withell.

Police team—King, Langley, Kerr, Kent,  
Pitt, Fowler, Edward, Foley Ogg, Cockle and  
Dervey. Reserves—Bell and Withers.

# LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League Table up to  
date:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per cent.
Hongkong "B"	7	7	0	0	7	100
Civil Service	10	8	1	1	7	77.77
Hongkong "A"	7	3	1	3	2	50.00
Telegraphs	9	6	2	1	4	50.00
Craigengower	10	3	3	4	0	
R.G.A.	8	2	5	1	3	42.85
Kowloon	10	2	8	0	6	60.00
H.K. Police	8	1	6	1	5	71.42
Royal Engineers	9	1	7	1	5	75.00
N.D.—A win counts 1 point.						
Loss						
A Draw						

# OTHER MATCHES.

G.A.C.C. "A" V. DODWELL'S TEAM.

The following will represent the Civil Ser-  
vice Club on the C.S. ground at 2 p.m., this  
afternoon—A. E. Davey (captain), A. Fife, F. E.  
Beach, H. R. Adams, E. G. Dawson, H. Coombs,  
J. Mackay, S. J. Taylor, E. Gibson, W. H.  
Kelly, and J. Hutchings. Reserves: C. Bond  
and B. Thomas.

# FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Only three fixtures have been arranged for  
this afternoon.

NAVAL YARD V. R.O.C.

This match, which will be under the super-  
vision of Gunner Marsh, will be played on the  
Naval Ground, kick off at 2.30 p.m. Teams—  
Naval Yard—Whiteway, Jonghin and Bacon;  
Combes; Glover and Pascoe; Raney and Carter;  
Gillespie; Coyne and Dalziel. R.O.C.—Khan;  
Abbas and Abbas; Chew, Wong and Cordeiro;  
Chunyat and Parslow; Blackmore; Golden-  
berg and Jex. Reserves: White and Muskott.

R.A.M.C. V. R.G.A.

These teams meet at 2.30 on the Military  
ground. Mr. Banyard will act as referee. Teams:  
R.A.M.C.—Foulkes; Radfern and Broughton;  
Coburn, Barr, and Yeager; Mills and Czeve;  
Jones, Hatton and Weaver; Crump and Mac-  
farlane; Watt; Bellis and Nash. R.G.A. team  
will be the same as last week.

Y.M.C.A. V. LUSITANO.

Corpl Edwards will referee this match which is  
to be played at Canaway Bay, kick off at 4 p.m.  
Neither the Y.M.C.A. nor the Lusitano eleven  
had been selected yesterday when we made  
inquiries.

# SHIELD MATCHES.

Two matches have to be played to-day in order  
to complete the first round in the Hongkong  
Shield competition. The Naval Yard have  
already met and defeated the R.O.C. Buffs "A."  
They overcame their second string on Thursday, and  
H.M.S. Kent beat H.M.S. Monmouth.

R.E. V. H.K.F.C.

This match will take place on the Club's  
ground; kick off at 4 p.m. Teams—  
R. E.—Power, Breardmore and Coxon; Lamb,  
McCrory and Edwards; Jackson and Morrish;  
Meany, Wallbank and Taylor. H.K.F.C.—Kew,  
Hamilton and Carroll; Lindon, Barlow, and  
Morphy; Williams and Weston, Brown, Turner  
and Mead. Corpl Lockyer of H.M.S. Monmouth  
will referee.

MOORE V. H.M.S. "BEDFORD."

The match between these teams will be played  
on the Naval ground, starting at 4 p.m. The  
following will represent the M.R.C.—  
N. Mahomed; S. Hartson and J. M. Dyer;  
Kushal Khan; Alim Khan, and S. K. Moosa;  
A. G. Saffied, and S. E. Ismail; A. el Arculli;  
G. G. Marker and A. M. Saffied.

# NEW FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting called for the purpose of forming  
a football association to govern the game in the  
colony and to be affiliated to the English Foot-  
ball Association was held at the Y.M. A.  
Rooms yesterday evening. Practically all of  
the League clubs were represented as well as  
the Hongkong Club and Navy teams. Mr.  
F. Brown was voted to the chair.  
Mr. STORRIE, in opening the proceedings,  
indicated the need for a central agency to control  
the game in Hongkong, pointing out the  
difficulties which must arise through having  
two competitions such as the League and the  
Shield run separately, and alluding to the  
propriety of dealing with players when mis-  
demourours were committed. The speaker also  
referred to the advisability of obtaining com-  
petent referees, which could be assured by the  
formation of an examination body to examine re-  
ferees.

Q. M. Sergt. ANDREWS regarded the pro-  
position as likely to aid football in the colony, and  
said such an association, representing a fairly  
powerful body could better approach the Governor  
with a view to getting additional ground either  
in Hongkong or in Kowloon. Moreover such an  
authority would exercise control over the minor  
leagues.

The CHAIRMAN outlined the scope of the  
operations of the proposed institution and  
expressed the opinion that it would do  
much good. The formation of the League  
showed that there were plenty of men  
willing to work in the interests of football. He  
advocated affiliation to the parent body.

Details were considered and it was agreed  
that the association could be in operation for  
next season.

Seppier HEIGH expressed the conviction that  
the principal consideration was the governing of  
the game, and pointed out that at present there  
was no control exercised over players or referees.  
The most important point was that such an  
association would include civilian, naval and  
military teams and a competition in which all  
could participate could be arranged. The finan-  
cial position would have to be considered.

Mr. STORRIE suggested that the winners of  
the *Hongkong Daily Press* Cup play a team rep-  
resenting the rest of the League, making it a  
charity match. The proceeds, after paying the  
expenses of the association and the expenses of the  
Club in connection with their ground, could be  
devoted to charity. This would show that they  
were not running football merely for their own  
pleasure.

Q. M. Sergt. ANDREWS proposed that the  
football association to be affiliated to the Eng-  
lish Association be formed, and that a committee



## KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held on the 26th January 1909, when there were present Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), Huang Ts'an (Chew), W. Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer (Dr. McDougall) and the Secretary (Mr. Berkeley Mitchell).

## THE CRITICISM OF THE BUDGET.

Mr. WALLACE, the Chairman, brought up the following report:—

"With reference to certain questions raised at the annual meeting of ratepayers by Mr. Bathurst concerning the accounts for 1908, of which no previous notice, private or otherwise, was given—the question therefore being so to speak sprung on us—and which it was impossible to fully answer offhand at the time, I have, as your Chairman, since gone into the figures and I will now give you the results, taking them in the order Mr. Bathurst had them on the paper he handed to the Chairman at the meeting. *Prison Charges*.—The increase is due to rise in price of food and fuel during the past two years, and to the fact that the cost of lighting the prison is now borne by prison charges account, whereas previous to moving into the new buildings the cost of lighting the old cells and barracks was debited against police charges account alone. The cost of lighting the new prison is considerably more than the old one. *Police Charges* for 1908 are the lowest since the inception of the Council. *General Charges*.—The increase is principally due to extraordinary expenditure in the shape of such items as:—Duty &c. on 50 stand of arms 986; bonus of \$25 to tax collector for work in connection with the Land Commission; \$15 cost of taking the census, and some \$49 odd in extras on the new buildings. *Police*.—Mr. Bathurst asked 'Why was the Police staff reduced from 28 in 1904 to 19 in 1908 at a cost of three hundred dollars more in wages.' I find the strength of the force in 1904 was, from January to March, 24 Indians and one detective. From April to December one Inspector, 17 Indians and one Chinese detective. Cost in wages for the year \$5,546.80. This sum was for wages pure and simple, and all ranks were on the lowest rate of pay, none having sufficient service to be drawing either class or good conduct pay. No passage money, deferred pay or bonuses were included. In 1908, up to the end of November, the strength was one jemadar, three sergeants and fourteen constables, with one Chinese detective, or 19 in all. On the discharge of the jemadar, the force stood at 4 sergeants, 14 constables and 1 Chinese detective. The wages for the year came to \$5,840.14, which included deferred pay \$343.51, bonuses \$224.82 and passage money \$71.38, or a total of \$641.71 over and above ordinary pay, class pay and good conduct pay. It must also be remembered that we raised the pay of the Police in 1908 \$1.50 per man, per month, and that we have serving four men with over five years' service, 4 men with over 4, and three men with over three, all of whom are drawing class pay and good conduct pay. A recruit starts at \$16.50 per month, and can rise as a constable to \$19.50 per month by an addition of \$1 in every 24 months. A sergeant, starts at \$22.50 and rises to \$26.50. Besides these rises, good conduct pay is issued after every 18 months' satisfactory conduct at \$1.50 per month, i.e. after 18 months' service \$1.50 after 36 months service another \$1.50 and so on. Therefore all those men still serving who were with us in 1904 must be drawing more pay in 1908. The proportion of sergeants to constables was also commented on, although those who criticize have overlooked the fact that the duties of our force are not confined entirely to police duties, but also embrace the supervision of sanitary work, and the duty of looking after the prison, and the working parties of prisoners outside on the roads &c., which two latter duties would anywhere else be performed by wardens, hence the number of sergeants required. When the jemadar left at the end of November, the senior sergeant took over his duties, at a saving of some \$200 per annum, a constable being promoted sergeant in the senior sergeant's place. So that instead of having one jemadar and three sergeants, as in 1908, we now have 4 sergeants. No doubt, on the arrival of the Assistant to the Superintendent of Police, the Watch Committee will consider whether it is practical to reduce the number of sergeants.

## THE OPIUM DIVANS.

Six opium shops were selected by ballot to be closed on April 12th, in accordance with the local regulations.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The attractions are well maintained and the popularity of the entertainment is growing. The management announce an amateur riding contest which should appeal to some of our local sports, as a handsome trophy will be presented to the competitor making the best attempt at standing on a horse three times round the ring. Special trains to the Peak ran after last night's performance. A matinee will be given this afternoon.

## AN UNORTHODOX CALLER.

At the Magistracy yesterday a native wearing a long silken robe was placed before Mr. J. H. Kemp on a charge of entering house No. 2 Charter Road in the early morning hours. The tenant of the house, hearing the door being pushed open, and seeing the intruder enter, secured him and handed him over to the police. When asked what he had to say, the defendant told his Worship that he went to the same house, during the day to look for a clansman, but could not find him, and so returned later.

His Worship pointed out that if the defendant could not find his friend there during the day, it was hardly likely that he would find him there at four o'clock in the morning, and sentenced the defendant to two weeks' imprisonment.

## PUBLIC COMPANY REPORTS.

## CAMPBELL MOORE AND CO., LD.

The twenty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the office of the General Managers in Des Vaux Road yesterday afternoon. Mr. A. F. Aroull presided and there were also present Messrs. F. Ellis (director), L. Borrello, A. R. Ellis, A. S. Ellis and A. O'D. Gourdin.

The CHAIRMAN, after reading the notice convening the meeting, said:—Gentlemen: The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission, they may be considered as read. We are very sorry that the account is so unfavourable. The result is attributed to competition depression in trade, and mismanagement by the last manager. Since the middle of 1907 and the whole of last year every effort has been made to reduce the stock. The accounts for the year 1908 will be ready very shortly. By the time of the meeting to pass these accounts I think the general manager will be able to give you a better idea of our prospects. The mismanagement of our former secretary and manager has been explained to you before, gentlemen, so it is hardly necessary that I should recapitulate. If there is any other matter that you require explained, I shall do my best to enlighten you.

Mr. GOURDIN passed a remark inaudible to the Pressmen, to which the CHAIRMAN responded:—I don't think going into details would benefit anybody.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mr. BORRELO, and carried unanimously.

Mr. F. ELLIS proposed the re-appointment of Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin as auditor.

The CHAIRMAN—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of his services, and of thanking him for the great assistance he has given to the Board of Directors.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—Thank you very much for your attendance, gentlemen. I think we can all hope for bright prospects in 1909.

## HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

The report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on Tuesday, the 9th February, is as follows:—

The Directors beg to submit to the shareholders the report and statement of accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last. After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other charges, there remains, including \$17,755.84, brought forward from last account, the sum of \$185,279.30 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of One dollar and twenty-five cents per share of \$100,000 be paid to shareholders, \$20,000 be written off book value of steamers, \$5,000 written off book value of wharves and properties, \$20,000 be transferred to depreciation and insurance fund, \$20,000 to account of special repairs fund, leaving a balance of \$20,279.30 to be carried forward to new account.

Two new tall-shafts and propellers have been constructed for the steamer *Hengshan*, and fitted at her recent docking, and a new spare paddle-shaft ordered from England for the steamer *Honam*. The usual Government survey and overhaul of the steamers *Kishan*, *Sui An* and *Sui Tai* have been effected during the half-year and the fleet is in good running order.

On the 14th July last, Mr. H. E. Tomkins resigned his former seat on the Board. Mr. G. Thiel resigned his seat, in consequence of his departure from the Colony, and Mr. E. Fuhmann was nominated by the Directors to fill the vacant seat. The regrettable death of Mr. C. Brodersen on the 4th of October last, created a vacancy on the Board and Mr. H. A. Siehs has been nominated by the Directors to fill his place. These nominations are subject to confirmation by the shareholders at the next meeting.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and W. Hutton Potts, offer themselves for re-election.

## R. SHEWAN, Chairman.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1909.	
LIABILITIES.	
Amount of Capital, 80,000 Shares of \$15 each fully paid up	\$1,200,000.00
Amount at Credit of Depreciation and Insurance Fund	587,500.00
Amount at Credit of Equalization of Dividend Fund	250,000.00
Amount at Credit of Investment Fluctuation Fund	79,428.85
Amount at Credit of Special Repairs Fund	5,444.81
Unclaimed Dividends	4,724.75
Sundry Creditors	57,996.65
Bills Payable	45,497.47
Amount at Credit of Profit and Loss A/c.	185,279.30
	\$2,395,772.03

ASSETS.	
Value of Steamers <i>Honam</i> , <i>Hengshan</i> , <i>Sui An</i> , <i>Sui Tai</i> and <i>Hoi Sang</i> and <i>Sui Tai</i> of <i>Kishan</i> and <i>Sui Tai</i> of <i>Sanmen</i> , <i>Nanning</i> , <i>Linton</i> , and <i>Sauai</i>	\$1,082,638.42
Value of Lighters <i>Sunlee</i> and <i>Wolce</i>	8,000.00
Value of Wharves, Hulks and Moorings	144,744.26
Value of Properties at Canton, Kowloon and Wuchow	128,796.77
Value of Spare Gear and Stores	22,152.09
Value of Furniture	1,000.00
Value of Shares in Public Companies	575,132.00
Value of Chinese Bonds	695.18
Loans on Mortgage	322,000.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Current Account	23,268.10
Interest accrued	824.26
Sundry Debtors	28,535.68
Bills Receivable	48,908.40
Marine and Fire Insurance	9,078.37
Premia paid on account of 1909	\$2,395,772.03

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Amount paid for repairs to steamers	\$20,144.18
To Amount paid for repairs to steamers A/o typhoon damage	2,284.39
To Amount paid for repairs to Company's Hongkong Wharf A/o typhoon damage	7,422.79
To Directors and Auditors' Fees	4,750.00
Balance to be appropriated, viz.:	
To Dividend of \$1.25 per share on 80,000 shares	\$100,000.00
To be written off book value of Steamers	20,000.00
To be written off book value of Properties and Wharves	5,000.00
To be carried to Depreciation and Insurance Fund	20,000.00
To be carried forward to Special Repairs Fund	20,000.00
To be carried forward to New Account	20,279.30
	185,279.30
	\$219,880.65

Cr.	
By amount brought forward from last account	\$17,755.84
By net earnings of steamers	167,001.34
By interest on investments	55,042.93
By transfer fees	80.50
	\$219,880.65

## DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.

Dr.	
To Balance	\$587,500.00
	\$587,500.00
Cr.	
By Amount at Credit	\$575,000.00
By Amount brought forward from Profit and Loss Account for Half Year ending 30th June, 1908	12,500.00
	\$587,500.00

## EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.

Dr.	
To Balance	\$250,000.00
	\$250,000.00
Cr.	
By Amount at Credit	\$250,000.00
	\$250,000.00

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Dr.	
To sundry disbursements	\$12,310.88
To balance	5,344.81
	\$17,655.69
Cr.	
By amount at credit	\$7,655.69
By amount brought forward from profit and loss account for half year ending 30th June, 1908	10,000.00
	\$17,655.69

## THE MANILA CATTLE TRADE.

Captain H. Bull, master of the s.s. *Standard*, requests us to insert the following letter in connection of a paragraph which has appeared in a Manila paper, and is presumed to have been extensively copied by other Eastern papers. It was not reproduced by the *Daily Press*, but we comply with the request for publication because of the general interest of the letter:—

"Inasmuch as the Norwegian steamer *Standard* has come in for an undue share of adverse criticism through some of the Manila newspapers, because of an alleged infraction of cattle regulations, I offer the following:—About two years ago I made my first trip with cattle from Amman to Manila. I had been informed that there existed no regulations as to fittings required by vessels engaged in the cattle trade except at the ports of Singapore and Hongkong. Steaming bringing cattle to the Philippines, save from the two above mentioned ports, used to carry cattle without stalls. The *Standard* made several trips here along the first part of 1906. Last year I made seven trips from Amman and one from Anping. According to the ship's official log book, the *Standard* has carried 3,854 cattle in the seven voyages out of which thirty-one have died while en route. On the trip across from Anping 17 were lost, but as post was found among the dead I have reason to believe that post was the cause of the mortality. The buffalo were unharmed. The *Standard* has maintained the same fittings on all her trips across the China sea and no animals suffered with broken legs and the best possible care has been taken of the cattle while in transit. On the various voyages the *Standard* has encountered good as well as bad weather. The trip from Anping was a terrible one and fraught with great danger. The fact that the *Standard* arrived here from the Formosa cattle port with a very small loss of animals under such trying conditions, would plainly indicate that the *Standard's* fittings are in every way suitable. Had I been notified by the Insular authorities that my fittings were unsuited for the trade, I would have demanded proper fittings from my charterer, such as would comply with existing regulations; this matter being entirely up to the local importers who chartered the *Standard*.

The statement that the cattle were cruelly treated is absolutely denied. The animals have never been fastened with nose ropes, but the lines have always been passed around the horns. The cattle when received at either Amman or Anping were poorly nourished, having been for days without hay or water prior to their embarkation on the *Standard*. I once refused to sail until more food was sent on board, which detained my ship for a day and caused the importer to make a deduction of a third on the promised payment.

"I disclaim being considered a cruel man, I wouldn't attend a Manila cockfight, nor would I find pleasure in witnessing this exhibition of cruelty."

## THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONGKONG BRANCH.

The annual report of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association is as follows:—Gentlemen: During the past year the attention of your Committee has been engaged upon a variety of subjects bearing upon British interests in China, and whenever the circumstances have seemed to warrant it, representations have been made in the usual manner by telegram or letter to the London Branch or by letter to the Colonial Government.

## BATHURST POST OFFICE IN TIENTSIN.

The first matter that dealt with was an appeal from the Tientsin Branch in support of the efforts which they were making to retain the services of the British Post Office in that concession. Both Shanghai and Hongkong joined Tientsin in impressing upon the London Branch the importance of keeping the Office open, and the result of the Association's intervention in this particular case was, as you are aware, the institution of a new arrangement postponing the threatened closure for a period of one year. At the end of that time the problem thus temporarily disposed of will recur, when it is hoped that there will be found some more lasting method of settling it to the satisfaction of the Tientsin community.

## YARN LOTTERY TICKETS.

The next occasion upon which it appeared that representation might usefully be made was provided by the introduction of lottery tickets as an incentive to the purchase of certain kinds of Japanese yarn. In a letter addressed to the London Branch on the 26th March, we directed attention to the attraction thus held out to ignorant and thoughtless buyers, and even to those who, among the Chinese, are neither the one nor the other. Even in the case of the better class Chinese buyer national idiosyncrasies must be reckoned with as rendering him peculiarly liable to be led away by a seductive appeal to chance, superimposed upon an otherwise comparatively dull bargain. The hope of securing a first prize of as much as 80 baies of the commodity could hardly fail to prejudice him in favour of buying a bundle of Osaka yarn rather than a Bombay bundle which offers no such alluring possibilities.

"The Tientsin yarn trade is, of course, the interest most immediately and directly threatened, but over and above consideration arising out of the importance of protecting that, there appears the larger possibility of an extension of this gambling principle into other branches of commerce, and British merchants, debarr'd by law from competing on such terms, have every reason to fear an innovation which contains a real danger to reputable trade." The contention was set up that though possibly no ground for formal objection exists, the matter may not improperly be made the subject of informal protest and friendly diplomatic remonstrance.

It is a source of satisfaction to all well wishers to Japan that the ephemeral advantage thus sought after by certain manufacturers, has apparently been abandoned in deference to considerations of a higher order urged upon them by widespread public opinion.

## THE "TATSU MARU" INCIDENT.

Following hard upon, and completely overshadowing, the interest created locally by this disturbing development in competitive methods came the Tatsu Maru incident. The disastrous results of that incident were not clearly foreseen by the outset, but the correspondence which passed between this and the London Branch would show that your Committee were alive to the situation, and at least apprehended the dangers inherent in it. The worst of these having passed away, no useful purpose would now be served by the publication of that correspondence, but members may rest assured of the close attention paid to the subject both in its local and in its larger aspect.

## TRADE MARKS.

Another subject frequently discussed and written about was the growing menace to the prospects of British commerce in the Far East from the imitation of trade marks. The whole question of the proper protection of trade marks has occupied a large space in the work of the year, but as this correspondence between the London Branch and the Foreign Office, and between the local Branch and the Colonial Government, has been invariably confidential, it can find no place in this report. The results have, however, been satisfactory in so far as that many doubtful points have been cleared up, and evidence has been shown of an earnest desire, on the part of all British Officials concerned, to safeguard in every way in their power, the interests of the mercantile community.

## CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

It need hardly be said, that the question of railways in China has been continually in the minds of the members of your Committee. Very little correspondence has, however, passed concerning it, as the larger question more immediately affecting the interests of the Colony—the progress of the Canton-Hankow line—has not emerged into any such practical shape as to require recommendation of any avail. Recent events indicate that the Chinese Authorities are coming to realise the inadvisability of waiting until China possesses the capital and engineering skill requisite for the building of the northern section, and it is to be hoped that the existing rumours of a foreign loan, to be devoted to that purpose, will prove true.

The work of construction on the Kwangtung section has been watched with interest. It is pleasant to chronicle a great improvement during the year in the rate of progress, but it is at least doubtful whether development is proceeding along lines best suited to the ultimate requirements of a great trunk railway. There is danger lest the claims of the future should be made subservient to a shortsighted anxiety to secure immediate returns.

## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

As regards the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton line we have had to remark upon the slowness of the progress made and the difficulties which seemed to beset the acquisition of the requisite land. These difficulties continued unfavourably with the same manner in which Mr. Lementi succeeded in purchasing for the Colonial Government the land required for the British section of the line, and it is significant that not only was he able to buy more expeditiously but cheaper, and without in any way causing trouble among the villagers. The Chinese Officials entrusted with a similar task on the other side of the frontier are reported to have met with opposition, from which it is reasonable to conclude either that they are not paying their way with that expeditiousness which pleased the land-owners of New Territory, or that the requisite authority from the Viceroy has been withheld. But though we have had to deplore slow progress there seems no way open to us by which we could assist in accelerating it, and only with reference to certain practical difficulties, displaying some of the inconveniences of Chinese control over the Engineer-in-Chief, we on one occasion to request the assistance of the London Branch.

The matter at issue was ultimately settled in a satisfactory manner, and we have not since heard of any similar attempts, on the part of a set of men who are inevitably ill-informed, to act in direct defiance of qualified advice.

## SUBSIDIARY COIN.

Upon the subject of the difficulties created for this Colony by the erratic management of the Canton Mint representations have again been made. Writing to the London Branch in April we said:—"It will be within your recollection that, some two years ago, in consequence of an excessive issue of subsidiary coin by the Canton Mint Authorities that 'commodity' fell to 10 per cent discount, dragging down in its descent, almost to the same level, Hongkong 10 cent pieces. It does not pay to issue it at a higher discount, and the end of the immediate advantage of a reckless policy thus appearing in sight the authors of it were brought to realise the attendant evils, with the result that they accepted good advice, previously offered in vain, and arrested the pace of the output. They even went so far as to promise Sir Matthew Nathan to stop the issue altogether for three months. Whether this promise was kept is questionable, but there is no doubt that for some considerable time the output was reduced."

"The Mint Authorities continued this self-denying policy until by degrees the discount had fallen as low as 4 per cent. Then apparently the temptation to seize the profit thus held out became irresistible, and little by little the pace of the output was increased."

"In consequence the discount has been steadily rising until now it has reached 8 per cent, and the question threatens to become again acute."

"In discussing the question the local press rightly indicates the radical cure for this recurring evil, namely, the fulfilment of the clause in the Mackay treaty by which China undertook to establish a uniform currency."

"Until that reform shall have been accomplished the existing temptation to the Provincial Mints of making a profitable business out of coining will prove too much for their powers of resistance."

"I have to add that informal representations made by the Governor of Hongkong to the Viceroy of Canton, and also, I believe by the Minister at his recent interview, elicited an equally informal undertaking that the Mint Authorities will be restrained."

## JUDGING BY THE RESULT.

Judging by the result, and noting the fall in the discount as the year drew towards its close, it would appear that the Mint Authorities have been exercising some discretion, but it is not possible yet to feel any security against a recrudescence of their former policy.

## HONGKONG OPIUM REVENUE.

The serious question raised for this Colony by the inconsiderate action of His Majesty's Ministers, in suddenly announcing an early intention of closing the opium houses, seemed to the members of your Committee to call for prompt representation, and at once the following telegram was despatched to the Home Branch:

"Press telegrams state British Government announced in House of Commons intention issue immediately order Hongkong Government close opium houses forthwith. This would impose considerable financial hardship as owing to opium farmer's contract does not expire until February, 1910, it would apparently involve payment large compensation in addition to prospective loss revenue. Unfair dislocate Colony's finances so suddenly. Urge you represent need proceeding less drastically. Time required gradual readjustment burden taxation."

By letter the colony's view of the case was strongly urged upon the London Committee and the replies received showed that we could confidently count upon ready sympathy and active support. The details of the subsequent development of this affair are, in the main, too well known for recapitulation, but it may interest members to learn the nature of the suggestions made from here in response to a request made by the London Chairman for an opinion upon a plan of gradual reduction whereby the burden of taxation would be eventually reduced without any violent dislocation of the Colony's finances.

The underlying idea of this plan was that instead of closing the opium houses the number of chests allowable to be sold by the Farmer should be steadily reduced. The details were worked out upon the figures for the past three years and commenting upon this we wrote as follows:—

"The number of chests actually drawn by the Farmer during the last three years is exceptionally low. These years have been bad years in every respect and the period is too short to give a fair average. The average for the last 10 years is slightly over 1000."

"In view of this figure it is, in the opinion of this Committee, justifiable to recommend that:—

- (1) The divans be not interfered with during the period of the present farm, but that the number of chests allowable be reduced from 1800 to 1200 per annum.
- (2) That in the new contract, to be made in 1910, the number be reduced to 900 chests per annum.
- (3) That in 1913 a scheme of annual reduction be adopted, the details of which shall depend upon the progress of China's efforts to eradicate poppy cultivation."

We have not heard whether these suggestions recommended themselves to the London Committee, but we trust that they will receive the approval of members.

Another development of the opium question which necessitated our taking action, arose when the Provincial Authorities at Canton made an attempt to establish a monopoly. The case was on all fours with that successfully fought against the Nanking Viceroy last year. On being put in possession of the facts we at once wired Kwangtung authorities issued notification placing restrictions upon sale opium calculated to create monopoly; seriously threatens 'British Indian trade; beg you represent agreement reduction Indian trade; does not alter existing treaty obligations governing 'conditions sale.'

The promptness and energy displayed by the British Consul-General in Canton sufficed to stay the Viceroy's hand, and the restrictions complained of were withdrawn.

But, although it was understood that their withdrawal applied to the whole of the Kwangtung Province, no long time elapsed before the discovery was made that they had not been rescinded in the Swatow district, and that steps were being taken to carry them into force.

An account of these proceedings, with which we were furnished, was passed on to the London Branch by letter, but again through the activity and firmness of the Consul-General at Canton the situation was straightened out before it had time to develop any awkward features.

## THE NANKING OPIUM CASE.

A situation in which the Colony was more immediately and vitally concerned arose out of a late development of the Japanese boycott when, on suspicion of being prominent in encouraging the ill-feeling which ultimately led to riot and disorder, a number of Chinese residents were served with notices of banishment. The number of those who had not disclosed their sympathies in this matter being considerable, great uneasiness prevailed throughout the Chinese Community, and feeling at one time ran so high that your Committee felt justified in appealing to the Colonial Government to relieve the situation.

The application of our communications, led to believe that our action was recognised as

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## NOTICE

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1909. [231]

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [253]

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Amoy, 24th January, 1909. [245]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

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THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [252]

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [233]

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [246]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [247]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. JACKSON, Secretary.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1909. [103]

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FURNISHED. THE BLUFF No. 107, the Peak, 5-Roomed Bungalow with Tennis Court. March to July. Rent \$150.

Apply—L. GIBBS, 6, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [160]

## TO LET.

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

## TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [53]

## TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW, for one or two years.

Apply—DENNIS & BOWLEY.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [219]

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE "GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, from the 15th of March, 1909, for 12 months.

Unfurnished—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms each, can be let together or separately.

Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SON, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1909. [213]

## TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

## TO LET

## NO. 47, CAINE ROAD (next to Forest Lodge).

Suitable for a Boarding House, School, College or Family Residence. Recently painted and renovated throughout. Immediate Possession.

Apply to—CHATER & MODY.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [243]

## TO LET.

NO. 14, SEYMOUR TERRACE. Possession from 1st January, 1909.

Apply to—THE COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT, Messrs. GILF, LIVINGSTON & Co., St. George's Building.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [112]

## STORAGE.

FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, A PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 35 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE.

For Particulars, apply—GEO. FENWICK & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

## TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

## TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHEWAN TOMES & Co.)

Apply to—THE COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT, E. D. SASSOUN & Co., Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. [105]

## TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East.

Apply to—N. MODY & CO.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

## TO LET.

BERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from 1st March next. Excellently Furnished, Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Rent to suitable tenant \$225.00 a month, including taxes.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1909. [125]

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

"FUNG-SHUI" 121, PLANTATION ROAD, THE PEAK. Drawing and Dining Room, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden, Flower Garden, and Lawn.

Apply to—JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

## TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. [109]

## TO LET.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [97]

## TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, Opposite Murray Pier.

Apply to—SCHULDT & CO.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1908. [106]

## TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

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BEILLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

Apply to—LINSTREED & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [100]

## TO LET.

NO. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—SAM WANG CO., LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. [101]

## BANKS

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853. HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000  
RESERVE FUND £1,525,000  
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.  
for 6 " 3 1/2 " "  
for 3 " 3 " "

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1903. [121]

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED " 1,125,000  
PAID-UP " 562,000  
RESERVE FUND " 210,000

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On Fixed Deposits:

For 12 months 4 per cent.  
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For 3 " 3 " "

EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1908. [23]

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000  
RESERVE FUND " 15,100,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

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" " " 3 " " 3%  
" " " 2 " " 2%  
" " " 1 " " 1%  
" " " 6 " " 1/2%  
" " " 3 " " 1/4%  
" " " 1 " " 1/8%

" TAKEO " TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [524]

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PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)  
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do 3 do 3 1/2 do.  
do 1 do 3% do.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [25]

## DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP—Sh. Tael 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts, DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

## BANKS

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of this Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Interest on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum. For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

## NEDELANDSCHE-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK). ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital FL 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)  
Subscribed Capital FL 10,000,000 (Paid up)  
Reserve Fund FL 2,200,517.37 (£183,376)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.  
HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.

LONDON BANKERS: THE WILLIAMS DEACONS BANK, SWISS BANK CORP.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

THE BANK transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

12 months 4% per annum.  
6 do 3 1/2 do.  
3 do 3 do.

C. WOLDRINGH, Manager.  
No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central.  
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1908. [26]

## THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital Subscribed (paid up) Yen 5,000,000  
Reserve Fund " Yen 1,140,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

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Amoy Kobe Tainan  
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HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, Des Vaux Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

D. TOHROW, Manager.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1908. [1518]

## INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP ... Gold \$3,250,000  
about Mex. \$7,222,222  
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about Mex. \$7,222,222

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York.  
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The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money Current Account at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 " 4 " "  
For 3 " 3 " "

No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.  
W. M. ANDERSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [229]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS—STERLING £1,500,000 at 2/—\$3,500,000  
SILVER \$14,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'ORS \$15,000,000

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
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J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. [20]

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## MAIL TABLES FOR 1909.

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THIS WHISKY WAS STARTED BY THE LATE ROBERT THORNE OF GREENOCK AND HAS BEEN SOLD ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
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A French Remedy for all the ailments of the Liver, Gall, Bile, and Stomach. It is the only medicine that cures the most obstinate cases of Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, and all the ailments of the Liver, Gall, Bile, and Stomach. It is the only medicine that cures the most obstinate cases of Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, and all the ailments of the Liver, Gall, Bile, and Stomach.

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IS THE FINEST BLOOD PURIFIER EVER DISCOVERED.  
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NOTE: This mixture is pleasant to the taste and warrants free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Proprietors solicit efforts to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it.  
TRIED MANY THINGS WITHOUT BENEFIT UNTIL I TOOK CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.  
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Striking proof of the permanence of the cures wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is again afforded in the case of Mrs. J. B. Rosario, the wife of Mr. J. B. Rosario of the Bureau Government Telegraph Service. Some two years ago, when living in Mandalay, the lady said: "Since my cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills five years ago I have kept in the best of health. Since then she has removed with her husband to Mandalay, on the 21st August of the present year Mr. Rosario stated that his wife was still well, and as great a believer in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as ever. The fact of Mrs. Rosario's case, in her own words, are as follows:—



Mrs. J. B. Rosario, Cured and made Happy by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.  
"When I was a girl," said she, "the state of my health was such as to cause me anxiety to my parents. I was miserably thin and pale, there were pains all over my body. Doctors were consulted, yet despite all their care and skill I got no better. Some kind friends hinted that after marriage I would become healthy and strong, but this proved untrue. I married soon after, yet my health continued for seven years to be a source of constant trouble. During that time

NO CHILDREN were born to me, which perhaps was fortunate, as so weak and ill was I that I could not have proved a good mother. It was about five years ago that I read somewhere of a lady who had suffered like myself and been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to try these Pills. When I had finished the first bottle a decided change for the better was apparent. The headaches had stopped, my appetite was better, the pains in the body had disappeared. When I had finished the fifth bottle I could eat well, sleep well, a healthy colour was in my face, and I began to get stout as you see me now. After that I soon got completely well, and then, to the great joy of my husband and myself.

OUR FIRST BABY was given to me. Since my cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills five years ago I have kept in the best of health. A new supply of Red, Good Blood that restores health to bloodless enfeebled bodies is actually made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and that is why they cured Mrs. Rosario. In the same way these Pills have cured almost numberless cases of Anemia, Debility, Disorder, Indigestion, Headaches, Rheumatism, Eczema, Boils and other skin diseases, Paralysis, Beri-Beri, Malaria, and those ailments which afflict women only. Obtainable at most shops where medicines are sold also direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 84, Kinkiang Road, Shanghai, at \$1.50 per bottle or 6 bottles for \$8.50.

**JOINT STOCK SHARES.**

Messrs. Varnon and Smyth in their weekly share report, dated January, 29th, 1900, state:—A fair investment business, and a more or less speculative demand for Banks have been the chief features of a rather quiet week. Rates, where they have not improved have in most cases remained steady and a fair demand for stocks exists at the close. Exchange on London closes at 1/9 T.T. and on Shanghai at 74 3/4. BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been in demand and the medium of a fair business, curtailed, however, by the somewhat restricted trading between this and the North. Locally business has been done at between 855 and 890, for cash and at 890 for February delivery. The quotation from Shanghai at the end of the week came in firmer at 925, equal to 900 here, and although many offers to sell to the Northern port were refused, and the rate locally was not affected to any extent, for some time, there has been at the time of closing some interport business at the higher rate. Shanghai quotes 925, equal to our 900. London remaining at 286.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have improved to 330 with sales and buyers. A few small lots have also changed hands during the week at 825 and 827 1/2. Cautious have resorted to 190 with sales and buyers. The Northern Insurance remain unchanged and without business. FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have found further buyers at 330. China remain neglected, with probable sellers at 105. SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao, with the issue of a good report, showing increased earnings and improved prospects, have ruled very firm and are in demand, buyers at 235 meeting with but a feeble response. Douglases have improved to 34, without bringing any shares on the market. China Manillas are on offer at the reduced rate of 12. We have nothing further to report under this heading. REFINERIES. Small sales of Chinas are reported at 112 1/2 the market closing firmer with buyers at 113. Luzons are on offer at 17, and it is possible that even a slightly lower rate would lead to business. MINING.—We have nothing to report under this heading.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa have been placed at 92 during the week, and at time of closing a few small lots are on offer at that rate. This Company has officially announced that subject to the audit of the accounts it will pay a dividend for the half year ended 31st December, of 54 per share, carry to special account \$21,000, write off the Cosmopolitan Dock \$28,000, and carry forward to new account \$364,000 a falling off as compared with previous six months of some \$24,000. Kowloon Wharves have been placed at 44 1/2 and 45 closing with sellers at the latter rate. Shanghai Docks have improved in the North to 75, and Hongkong Wharves to 155, the latter with buyers. LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have changed hands at 92 and 92 1/2 closing with buyers at 89 ex the dividend of 8 1/2 paid to-day. This Company's report for the year ended 31st December shows a falling off in the net earnings as compared with the 1907 a/c. Repairs a/c shows an increase of some \$17,000 due to extraordinary damage to properties by the typhoon. The Rent a/c stands

at about the same, while Directors fees are less by \$25,530, the Managing Directors fees for 1908 not being chargeable in accordance with the articles of Association. Kowloon Lands have declined to 32, and Humphreys to 97 with sellers, after small sales at that and at 9. Hotels have found buyers at 90. West points close with sellers at 44 ex the dividend of 52 paid to-day. CORROX.—Ewos have improved in the North to 85, and small local sales have been effected at that rate. Internationals have declined to 57, and Leong Kung Mow improved to 76. MARYLAND.—Miss Borman have been the medium of a fair business at the improved rate of 11 1/2 and close firm at that. A few China Ewos have been placed at 10, but sellers rule the market at time of closing. Green Islands have been dealt in to some extent at 9.90 and 9.80, closing with sellers at the latter rate. Ropes have improved to 25 1/2 with sales and buyers. Langkats have advanced to 875 in the North. China Lights with sales at 4 1/2 close quiet. Landreys have found buyers at 5 1/2, and Bells Asbestos are enquired for at the improved rate of 9.

**WANTED—A COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS IN CHINA.**

The following article appears in the Monthly Bulletin of the Educational Association of China:—

One of the greatest difficulties of the schoolmaster in China is to obtain reliable Chinese assistants. He may get a suitable man who cannot teach, or a good teacher who has but a slight general education, and most often he gets one who has neither teaching ability nor a sound general education. Very occasionally he gets a jewel who has both learning and ability to teach. What can be done to remedy this state of things? The problem here raised is not the training of teachers, that is a much larger issue, but the establishment of some means by which when engaging teachers one may be sure that they have a general grounding in the principles and practice of teaching and at the same time a good general education. Perhaps a hint from England may be of service.

With exactly the purpose in view that we have outlined above there was founded in 1846 the College of Preceptors. In its charter, granted three years later, its purpose is defined as being "to promote sound learning and to advance the interests of education." By providing for the periodical session of a competent Board of Examiners to ascertain and give certificates of the acquirements and fitness for their office of persons engaged in or desiring to be engaged in the education of youth. In order to carry out this purpose the College has instituted examinations for teachers and gives three grades of diplomas. What the present writer would suggest is the establishment of a Board to carry out some similar scheme for China.

The chief functions of such a Board would be the examination of intending or acting teachers and the granting of certificates to those who satisfy the examiners. As suggested by the needs of the situation the examination would be of a two-fold character. It would include: (a) the professional side, (b) the general side. The professional side would include papers on the theory of teaching and the actual giving of a lesson on a prescribed topic in the presence of an examiner. This side would be obligatory on all candidates, and no substitute therefor should be admitted. The general side would be necessary to be less rigid. Its subjects would need to be grouped, and making one group—say Chinese composition, with the literature, history, and geography of China—compulsory; candidates should be required to take at least two groups. But, just as in the institution that we have in mind as a general pattern, university and other examinations exempt the student from the general portion of the examination, so those candidates who present certificates of having completed the course at recognized institutions of higher education—a definition which should be very strictly interpreted—should be excused the general examination. If various grades of examination were held, elementary, advanced, and honours, it might be well only to allow exemption in the elementary stage and to insist on the whole examination for the two higher stages, without any ad hoc exemption for the first stage. The student from the first be sufficiently high to compel recognition throughout China—certainly wherever the foreign teacher has a footing, so that if one accepts a teacher on the strength of what we may term his "College Certificate" one may be sure that he is getting a man who, professionally at any rate, is worth his salt.

But what about the machinery? First, as to the Board or College. It should undoubtedly consist of both foreigners and Chinese; the former nominated in the first instance by the Educational Association of China, and the latter by, say, the World's Chinese Students' Federation. In case of vacancies arising, later nominations might be made either by the original nominating bodies or by the remaining members of the Board.

Next, as to the conduct of the examinations: China is a vast country, and examination at one centre only is impracticable. The only alternative is to hold examination at many centres, wherever indeed a responsible local committee of (say) three or four whom should be a person actually engaged in teaching, can be got together to take charge of the examination; the practical examination involving on the teacher-member, acting on lines and under instructions drafted by the central Board or college. The papers would all be set by examiners appointed by the College, and would of course be printed and distributed to the various centres in ample time for the examinations to be held simultaneously throughout the country. As far as possible, the papers would be drawn up and the examinations conducted in Chinese, but papers on foreign languages would be drawn up in the language of the subject of examination.

The next matter to settle is that of finance. Obviously the initial expense must be borne by somebody, but that expense need not be great, and small grants from the Educational Association, the C. L. S., and kindred bodies, would suffice to meet it. It should be the purpose of the College to make itself from the first examination self-supporting. Fees for the examination and for the granting of diplomas, no new thing in China, by the way, would be sufficient to meet all current expenses when once the value of the diplomas came to be realized. This last would only be secured by the co-operation of all those who have at heart the interests of education in China. The members of the London Chamber of Commerce (which conducts a valuable series of commercial examinations) undertake to give preference in their appointments to those candidates that have obtained the certificates of the Chamber, at any rate when other things are equal, and some such recognition of the diplomas of the proposed college by the governing bodies of educational institutions in China would go a long way to popularize the examinations and make them as far as finances are concerned no burden to the original sponsors of the project. It is to be noted that the establishment of such a system of examinations would have effects reaching much farther than the mere guarantee

of capability in candidates for teaching appointments. The publication of the syllabus of the examinations, endorsed by two such bodies as have been suggested, would go far towards uniting and co-ordinating the work of normal schools throughout China, and would also give some direction to the pedagogical work of those numerous institutions that include such a course however brief, as an optional part of the final year's work of their students. The way would also be paved for closer co-operation in the work of training the future teachers of China, and that too without any necessity for the adjustments of doctrine, discipline or finance usually accompanying such co-operative movements. There are of course many details to fill in and there would be a good deal of spadework before the College could be set up, but the writer is convinced, after careful enquiry, that the scheme lies within the bounds of practicability, and it only remains for those concerned to "go up and possess the land, for ye are well able to possess it."

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 31st January, 4th Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.). Matins (11 a.m.). Keppel Memorial, Venite Macaron; Psalm of the 31st morning (chants of the 30th); To Deum, Laves, Cooke, Hopkins; Benediction, London. Holy Communion (12 noon). Hymns, 104, 280 and 281; Kyrie, Smart in F. Evensong (6.45 p.m.). (Full Choir). Responses, Psalm of the 31st evening (chants of the 30th). Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Walsley, in D minor; Anthem, "Sun of my soul."—Turner; Hymns, 285 and 32; Sevenfold Amen. N.B.—Psalm 147, Verses 1, 7, 12 and 18 in union. Psalm 149, Verses 1, 2, 7, 12 and 13 in union. Psalm 149, Verses 1, 5 and 6. P. in union. Psalm 150, Verses 1, 4 and 6 (Hymns) in union. St. Joseph's Church, Queen's Road West—4th Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Venite, Harle, Palmes, Woodward, etc.; To Deum, Woodward; Benediction, Harle; Hymns, 361, 435, 457 and 355; Kyrie Evening Prayer 8.30. Gloria; Magnificat, Robinson; Nunc Dimittis, Alcock; Hymns, 403, 463 and 489; Kyrie. The Church launch, tomorrow, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, 4c, provided.

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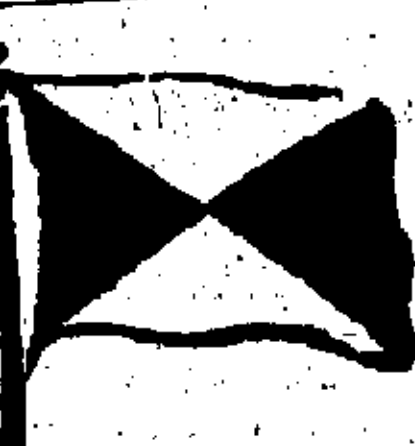
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## THE EMPRESS MENELIK.

**HIS POWER AND STATEMANSHIP.**  
Few monarchs have swayed the destinies of a people. Throughout the vast territory of the Abyssinian Highlands his individual will is law to some millions of subjects, law also to hordes of savage Mahometan and pagan tribesmen without the confines of his kingdom. His court includes no councillors. Alone throughout the long years of his reign Menelik has dealt with all domestic and foreign affairs of state.

But says Mr. E. B. Broun, writing in the New York Tribune, this last splendid survival of the feudal absolutism exercised and enjoyed by medieval rulers is about to disappear beneath encroaching waves of civilisation, which long ago nothing picturesquely. He has now formed a cabinet, and published the appointment of War, Finance, Justice, Foreign Affairs, and Commerce. And this change has come not from the pressure of any party or faction within his Kingdom for such do not exist; but out of the fount of his own wisdom. If, indeed, more proofs were necessary than the statesman-like way in which he has dealt with jealous diplomats and the martial skill with which, at Adua in 1896, he defeated the flower of the Italian army and won from Italy an honourable truce.

**OLDEST LINEAGE OF ALL MONARCHS.**  
No existing Royal house owns lineage so ancient as Menelik II., Negus Negusti, "King of the Kings of Ethiopia and Conquering Lion of Judah," claims his to be. Old Abyssinian tradition has it that his lineage dates back to the tenth century B.C. Makeda when the Queen of Sheba, early in her reign paid a ceremonial visit to the Court of King Solomon. According to Abyssinian legend, after the Queen of Sheba had returned to her native country she gave birth to a son and called him Menelik, so the legend runs. Later, as a lad, the boy was twitted by playmates that he had no father. In this dilemma the Queen sent an embassy to Solomon, asking some sort that should establish their son's Royal paternity. Promptly Solomon returned the embassy, bearing to Sheba's court in fact the South-west Arabia a Royal decree declaring Menelik his son, and accompanied by a son of each of the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel, enjoined to serve as a sort of juvenile Royal court to Menelik.

**THE ABYSSINIAN RELIGION.**  
And this notwithstanding that the Abyssinians have been Christians since the fourth century of this era, when, only eight years after one great Constantine decreed the recognition of Christianity by the State, a proselytising monk came among them with faith so strong, heart so pure, and eloquence so irresistible, that single-handed he accomplished the conversion of the Abyssinian race. Throughout the centuries the Abyssinians have held fast to their faith as it was first taught them. The great wave of Mohammedanism that swept up the Nile and across to the Indian Ocean, broke and parted the moment it struck the Abyssinian plateau, never all about, and completely surrounded but never could mount it.

Thus cut off for centuries from all other Christians, and their ritual older than that of either Rome or Moscow, the Abyssinian religion has changed little from its form in the days of the Apostles. And remembering the Abyssinian folk tale of the twelve sons of Solomon to Makeda as attendants on Menelik I., it is most curious and interesting to know that the heads of twelve certain Abyssinian families (none of whom is longer a notable; some even the rudest of ignorant herdsmen), and their forebears from time immemorial, have had and still possess the inalienable right of audience with their monarch at any time they may ask it, even taking precedence over royalty itself.

Many of Menelik's judgments are masterpieces. Recently two brothers came before him, the younger complaining that his elder sought the larger and better part of property they had to divide. Menelik promptly ordered the elder to describe fully the entire property, and state what part he wanted for himself. It was done. "And this," questioned Menelik, "you consider a just division of the property into two parts of equal value?" "Yes, Negus," answered the elder. "Then," decreed Menelik, "give your brother first choice!"

Over wide territory beyond the Abyssinian border, Menelik's power is as much feared and his will as much respected as among his own subjects.

## AMONG HER OWN PEOPLE.

THE LIFE OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA AT SANDRINGHAM.

[BY MARY SPENCER WARREN.]

The Queen in London is a beautiful and gracious lady, who imparts an indescribable charm to royal and society functions; who thinks and works for the benefit of the people; and who, when need exists, grapples with that need with unerring tact and true womanly sympathy.

Did not the Queen give her help when distress was rampant in the East End, and so set an example to the many who gladly followed? And has not her Majesty again come forward in the hour of the people's distress, and thought out and executed her beautiful photographic scheme, whereby—as a result of the work of her own hands—multitudes of poor and afflicted persons will receive material benefit?

These are but two incidents culled from a large number spreading away over the forty odd years since Queen Alexandra left the country of her birth for the country of her adoption; they are merely indicative of the loving kindness which has dominated the Queen's whole life and prompted deeds which have made her universally popular and beloved.

**LADY BOUNTIFUL.**  
In London, the Queen thinks for the people more or less collectively; at Sandringham more or less individually, for as far as possible her Majesty dotes her queenly state, dispenses with its inseparable formality, and becomes—one says it with all respect—the wife of a country gentleman, the lady bountiful of a handful of villages, in the houses of which she is a familiar and welcome figure, and where her presence ever denotes the kindest interest in the doings and happenings of the occupants.

That these are well cared for goes without saying, and this is partly due to her Majesty's womanly instinct of womanly requirements. Who does not remember the prompt inquiry for cupboards when the Queen visited some country Council dwellings and found these useful fixtures altogether omitted? The necessity of detail is a strong point in her Majesty's plans for the comfort of others, and when the cottages on the Sandringham estate were rebuilt she had a large share in the suggestions which were carried out with such happy effect.

Be it said, moreover, that this rebuilding took place before even that of Sandringham House, when the Queen came here as a young bride, she was most earnest in her efforts, and most anxious to hurry forward the wishes of her husband, that all the old cottages should be furnished and model dwellings take the place of thatched, bad ventilation, and general inconveniences and discomfort.

**MODEL COTTAGES.**  
Cottages sprung up containing four or five rooms, fitted with a cooking range and cup-

boards (pallets) surrounding them, a quarter of an acre of ground for the cultivation of fruit and vegetables, with an outhouse for coal and wood storage, which also serves as a wash-house for the women and a workshop for the men.

In nearly every cottage, evidence of former royal visits and favours are plentiful: perhaps a service which the Queen has given as a marriage present, or little gifts bestowed upon special occasions, either connected with the royal family or that of the cottager. Should there be illness in any of these homes, the Queen is always ready with her sympathetic help and kindness. Many a time has she sat by the bedside of an invalid and quietly read or chatted brightly—in accordance with the condition of the patient—and often with her own hands has administered little delicacies which she herself has provided, and generally taken with her, too.

It is not only in the bestowal of gifts that the Queen has so much endeared herself to the people surrounding her gates, for she has entered very truly into their joys and afflictions—the common lot of all. And the Queen's fondness for children is proverbial. Her Majesty has often taken a child upon her knee to nurse and amuse it, and has been known to enter a house and take a crying infant from its cradle and soothe and hush it until its mother's return.

Her Majesty's birthday is a day of high festival for the children, for in celebration of it she sends out invitations to tea to all of them. It is a red-letter day, one of the landmarks of a child's life.

**ROYAL PRESENCE.**  
Time was when the Queen made it a point to be present throughout, handing round plates of cake and replenishing cups with a business-like air. Now, however, her Majesty "looks in," taking due thought—in the midst of her pressing duties—of the fact that her presence gives an added zest to the children's enjoyment.

No one needs to be told that her Majesty is among the friendliest and homeliest ladies in the land, and while, naturally, she has not now the time formerly had for visiting the cottages, yet the inhabitants are by no means left in the lurch. Many have been known from their birth up; the Queen has watched their education in the splendid schools which she and the King have been instrumental in providing—where technical training succeeds the elementary and the scholars are turned out properly and suitably equipped for the battle of life.

To the aged around Sandringham the Queen has always been a special friend, and many a time has she sat and listened to an old wife's tales, doing a bit of the old soul's knitting to occupy the time—for if there is one thing the Queen cannot endure, it is idleness. "I rather pride myself on the way I knit," said her Majesty one day to one such old woman; "I have just made a pair for my husband, and I shall send them to him with a 'Deary me, and do you knit his stockings?' Well, well, 'm'am, it's only me and you who makes the things, as knows the 'corrible' ole the men do make in the 'ole'.

Tales—grave and gay—of the Queen among her people might be multiplied; and her Majesty's real womanly kindness expatiated upon for a limitless space. In Sandringham, however, she has been, and is, one with them all and not only at Sandringham, but throughout the dominions.

## GENTLEMEN AND LADIES.

GROWING LOVE OF TITLES AND PRECEDENCE.

[BY A BARONET.]

Titles, appellations, privileges, and precedence are not a special privilege or prerogative of the aristocracy; in fact, there are not wanting signs that the upper classes are by no means tenacious of certain titular forms which usage has consecrated to them.

It is considered now old-fashioned, or even worse, to give the prefix "his Grace," when addressing a wearer of the strawberry leaves. The younger children of peers agree to the suppression of "honourable" on their visiting-cards. Peersesses have allowed to fall into disuse the long-established custom that they should sign with their initial and not with their full Christian name, thus distinguishing themselves from their lords on the one hand and from the rest of womanhood on the other.

Even with the most illustrious personages there is seemingly a tendency to waive certain precise formalities which were rigidly prescribed in the last century. The King allows himself to be addressed in writing as "His Majesty the King," while formerly the Sovereign regnant was designated simply as "The King" or "The Queen."

**FINGER-BOWLS.**  
Almost extinct is that delightful, but of course now wholly unreasonable, etiquette which, in view of Jacobite allegiance, decided that at a dinner party, when royal personages should be present, they alone were to be supplied with the finger-bowls, thus precluding a silent toast to the King across the water.

Whereas, too, it used to be the rigid rule that when a Princess of the blood expressed her intention of dancing at a ball, the other guests would remain stationary until her turn was finished, it is now the constant experience of a royal lady to receive one of those unpleasant "jars" for which a crowded room and an unskilful partner are jointly responsible.

While one social section is apparently loosening its hold on certain appanages of rank and station, it is evident that people of humble origin are great sticklers for their titular claims. The well-gowned and elaborately coiffed attendant at a shop or restaurant must never be spoken of other than as the "lady manageress" or "young lady."

It happened the other day that the daughter of a very distinguished statesman entered a large millinery. She was referred to the young lady a little further on, who was thus summoned by her colleague: "Miss So-and-so, this young person requires some black velvet."

**IN THE SHOP.**  
The same rule applies to the opposite sex; every self-respecting tradesman, owning, or in a position of trust in, a successful business is a "gentleman." A well-known peeress not long ago, calling for the second time at a furniture shop, asked if she might see the person who had attended to her on the previous occasion. "Is it the gentleman over there with a fair monochrome?" was the bland inquiry. "No," replied the irritated aristocrat, "it is the nobleman next to him with a bald head."

The affix "esquire," once the guardian of blue blood, is now the property of any male with a balance at his bank. An impetuous younger son enunciated the other day his system of addressing tradesmen whose accounts he had discharged with the prefix "M.R.," regarding the dignity of "Esquire" for those who were privileged to be his creditors, as he considered it a sort of sop for overdue debts.

The dancing girls and chorus girls of thirty years ago are now ladies of the ballet and ladies of the chorus, and the clerk is always more amenable if alluded to as a secretary.

But in no social phase are graduated privileges more insistently claimed and more strictly enforced than in "high life below stairs." At meals in a country house, when a party has assembled, the domestics, take their places

according to the rank of their employers, and a heated discussion occurred lately between two ladies-majors as to the superior claims of an honourable miss over a baronet's wife. Although the upper servants join their inferiors in the servants' hall for the first course of the mid-day meal, a migration to the steward's-room or housekeeper's room always takes place before the pudding can be discussed. The entrée into the housekeeper's room is always a thorny subject.

**PROHIBITIVE CAPS.**  
It has been ruled that, as regards the fair sex, the wearing of a cap is prohibitive. This seems at first sight a little arbitrary, for while a "young ladies' maid" barely out of her teens might take her place at the higher table, the veteran housemaid is condemned in perpetuity to the society of underlings.

The soldier servant or batman has often given rise to heated controversy as to his precise rank in the domestic hierarchy, while the modern chauffeur has boldly claimed precedence over all his fellow-servants, and, indeed, has sometimes insisted on taking his meals altogether apart. The claim was occasionally conceded while the community of chauffeurs consisted of a select number of highly-trained mechanics, but now that their ranks have been swollen by the advent of hundreds of ex-grooms and coachmen, a revolt has been made against their airs and graces.

Another sign of the times is to be found in the strict water-tight compartments of work to which the modern domestic is rigidly adhering, with the result of a multiplication of attendants who have practically nothing to do. A lady gentleman of great wealth but plebeian extraction arrived on a country-house visit last year with the following suite—A maid, a valet, two footmen, a loader, and two chauffeurs.—Daily Mail.

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